



**MOUNT CALVARY
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WORSHIP

*Saturday
Praise & Worship
6:00 p.m.*

*Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Classes for all ages
9:30 a.m.

Andrew Howe
Senior Pastor

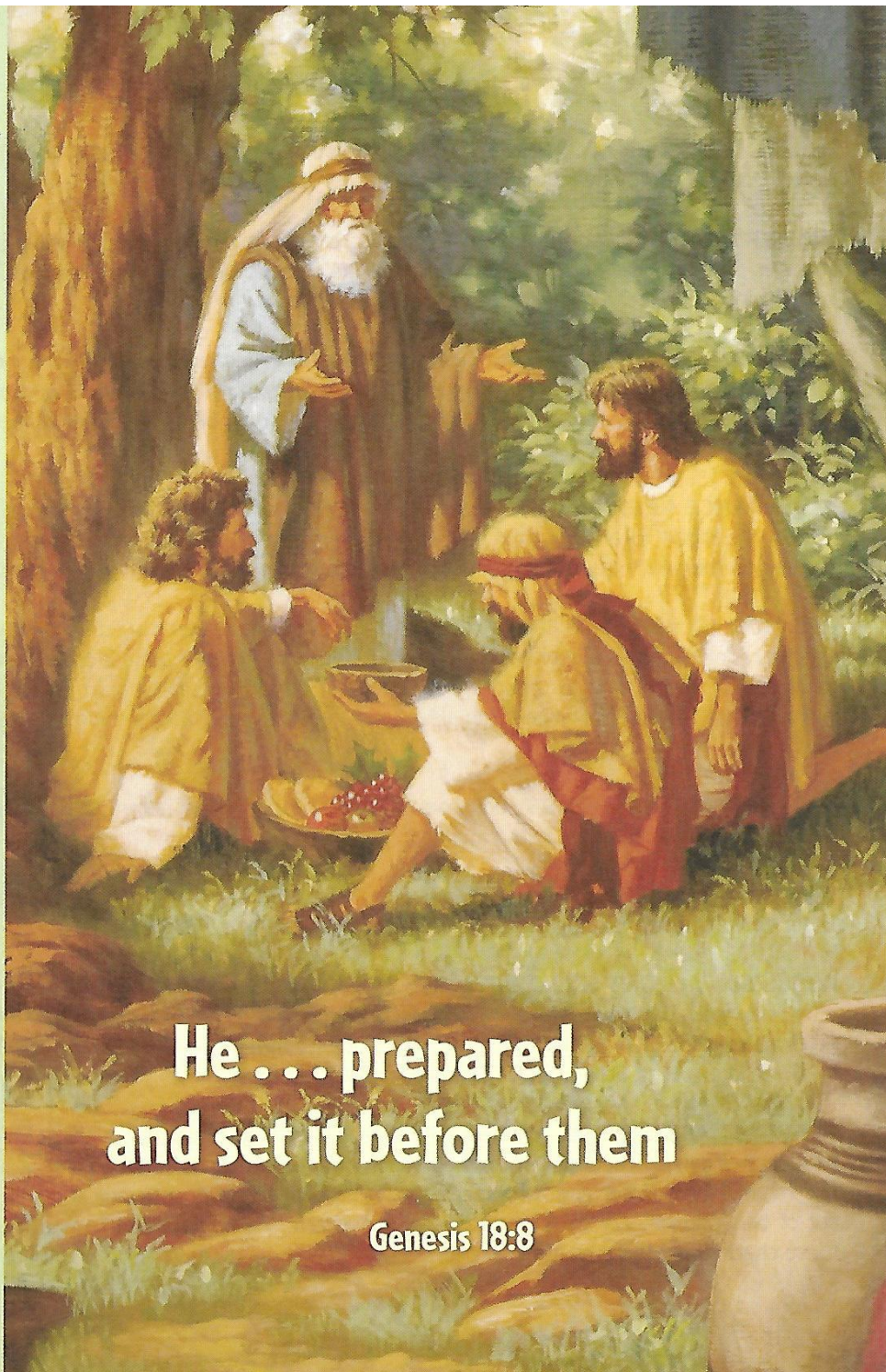
Pete LeBorious
Associate Pastor

Jamie Dick
Music Director

Katie Simmons
Director of
Contemporary Worship

Zachary Boeyink
Vicar

Jerry Bisping
Director of Christian
Outreach, Emeritus



**He ... prepared,
and set it before them**

Genesis 18:8

As We Gather

"Make God laugh," a wise man once said, "—plan something!" He meant that God always has the last laugh, especially when we make mistakes, and His will is done anyway. That's what God did with Sarah and has done every time someone uncovers His promised, gracious rewards. The Colossians were laughing with Him, and in the Gospel, Mary has enough faith to listen to Jesus. Don't try to get God laughing; join Him rejoicing in all His blessings.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Andrew or Pastor Pete.

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING****OPENING HYMN:*****"God Whose Almighty Word"***

**God, whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring,
On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight;**

**Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!**

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THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Hymn #523

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-14 (*Sarah laughs when she hears that she shall have a son*)

¹ And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1:21-29 (*The mystery—that the Gentiles are included in God's promises—is cause for rejoicing among the Colossian Christians*)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

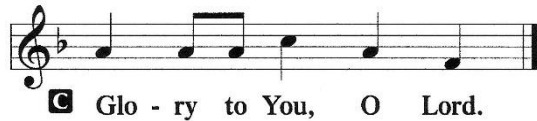
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

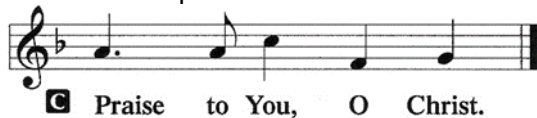
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42 (*Martha learns that her sister Mary has chosen to listen to Jesus; she has chosen well*)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Andrew Howe

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

Hymn #657

THE MESSAGE:

Pastor Andrew Howe

TIME OF RESPONSE: *Welcome to worship, we are so glad you are here! You are encouraged to fill out an Attendance Card (There is a side for both our guests and members to fill out, and If you will be coming forward for Holy Communion, please read and sign the "Announcement for Communion" portion of the Attendance Card.), place it in the offering plates, which are located at each entrance of the Sanctuary. If you have an offering, your offering may be placed in these plates, preferably before Worship begins. This helps our usher gather our offerings to bring forward and return them before God.*



If you would like to make your offering at Mount Calvary electronically, an easy way is to use the QR Code on the left to access the Vanco online giving option.

ANTHEM:

"Only a Holy God"

Luci Dick, Solo

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, *"Lord in Your mercy"*, and the congregation will respond, **"hear our prayer"**.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

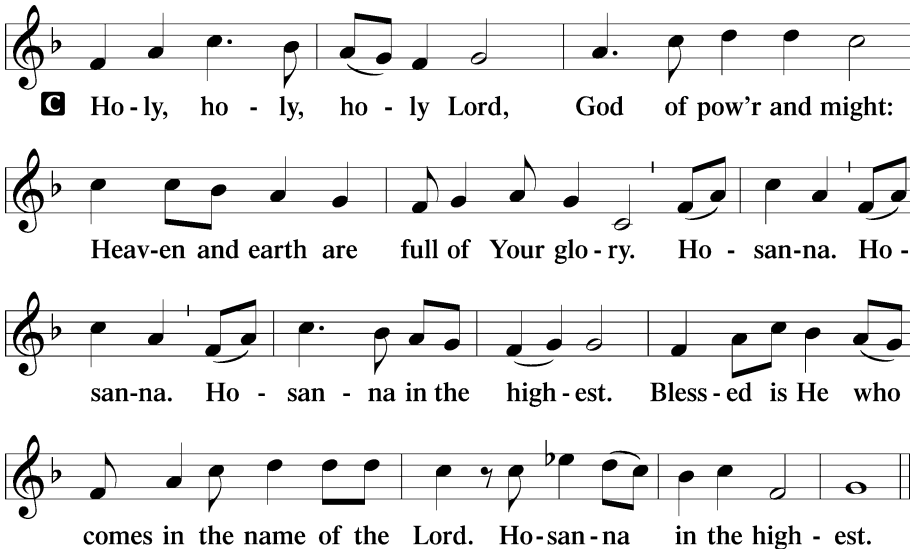
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

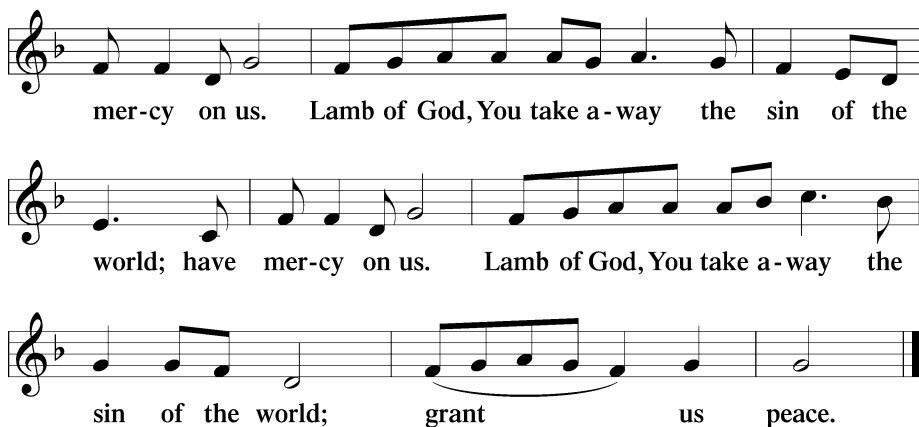
THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



DISTRIBUTION *(Today, an Usher will invite your pew to come forward to receive the bread and individual cup or common cup. The center cups in each tray are white grape juice for those who cannot drink alcohol. There is a basket to put your used cup into.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #537

"The Servant Song"

**Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.**

**Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**Brother, sister let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"How Great Thou Art"

Hymn #801

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Sue Glaser, who is recovering from a procedure.

Beverly Bachmeier, Katherine Eubanks and Richard Uitto's sister, who is recovering from a fall.

Jean Clark, Judy Parrott's sister, who is battling an infection.

Eugene O'Neal, who is recovering from surgery.

Our High School Youth and Adult Leaders, who are attending our National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Texas Hill Country, for the safety of first responders and all those impacted by the flooding.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Keep In Your Prayers

Marie White, Karen Harmon, Ned Watson, Melinda Hopf, Ross Paoletta (Cynthia Trichinotis' son), Regina Ragan, David Bohm, Dolores Hill (Cynthia Nelson's mother), Steven White (John & Marie's son), Bev Ellgass, Bill Wallace (Karen Harmon's brother) and Roger Peterson.

Those Battling Cancer

Bob Yeager, Marie White, Chris Mabee, Dan Adams (Daniel's father), Michael Deskin (Walt & Cheryl Stafford's son-in-law), Andy Doute (Elizabeth and Lonny Walker's son-in-law), Diane Adair (Joan Smith's sister), Lori Stadler (Joan Smith's niece), Jeff Grube, John Hanrahan (Mark Dieckmann's brother-in-law), Judy Nicholas (Michelle Crawford's mother), Jenny Tillery (Ed and Kim Rekau's daughter), Walt Stafford, Erika Swaim (Marcia Brighton's mother), Scott Ramsey (Amanda McVay's uncle), Allison Brewer (Jan and Steve Kirchoff's daughter), Marcia Copeland (Maggie Monahan's sister), Jenny Hursey (Fred & Nancy's daughter-in-law), Wilson Baughman, Tom Guilford (Sylvia's oldest son), Matt Voskuil (Debi Cole's son), Jamey Sillence and Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers are provided this week by Bonnie Hudlin in honor of Tyler (6/24) and Talan's (7/19) birthdays, and by Beth & Steve Strickland in honor of the birthdays of Christina Welch (7/20), Alasen Schell (7/23), Stephanie Welch (7/24 and Julia Schell (8/9).

Mount Calvary has received donations in memory of Bill Zeuner from Rob & Michelle Crawford, Bill & Jacque Bohm, Jimmy & Ginger Martin, Vivian Stilley, Don & Judy Parrott, Louie & Linda Sheppard and Bruce & Barbara Bauman.

Mount Calvary has received a donation in memory of Terry Hawkins, nephew of Dale Hawkins, from Dale Hawkins.

August Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office by July 27th.

E-Mail Address for Jamie Dick, our Music Director: Jamie@MountCalvaryGA.org

Student Leadership Development Team Information:

Applications: Active High School Youth can apply to serve on the Fall Session of the SLDT. Applications are available on the counter in the Annex and are due no later than July 27th.

Planning Retreat: Sunday, July 27th 3:00 pm – Monday, July 28th 1:00 pm.

Young Adult Small Group: This group meets every Sunday night, from 8:30 – 10 at Pastor Pete and Sonja's house. (413 Erin Way).

TEACHERS NEEDED! As we prepare for another year of Christian Education, we are still looking to add members to our Sunday School team. If you can help with teaching, crafts, scrapbooking, or movies, we would love for you to join us. Talk to Pastor Pete if you are able to help out with any of these ministry areas! We are currently making adjustments to our Wednesday night children's ministry... watch for more details.

Devotions and Prayers: There are daily devotion and prayer guides for parents and sponsors of the youth attending the Gathering this upcoming week. A limited number of extra copies were printed for congregational members wanting to lift up the gathering in prayers while we are away.

Volunteers Needed. October will be here before we know it. The Assimilation Board needs volunteers to work with them on the new 45th Anniversary Picture Directory. We want to make sure that the new directory is a quality product and represents our church's past and present accurately. Volunteers from our senior youth group are encouraged to sign up as well. Please contact Debby Miller 316-573-6565 for more information. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the information counter.

Working on a New Church Directory: Please get any updates you have for the directory to the office as soon as you can. I hope to have a new directory done by the end of July.

Thank You! In John 21 verse 15, Christ commands Peter that if Peter loves Him, he should feed His sheep. I see that this message has been taken to heart here at Mt. Calvary, for I have been well fed already by the overly abundant generosity of the people here. I want to thank each and every member for your kind gifts as part of the Fill the Pantry project, and for the extremely warm welcome I have received since arriving on Monday the 7th. Truly this is a place blessed by God, and I am honored to be surrounded by such wonderful God fearing people. I am looking forward to being able to return the kindness shown to me in the coming year as we continue to grow in faith together. Many thanks and blessings - Vicar Zachary Boeyink

GriefShare Support Group: Have you or someone you know experienced the pain of losing a loved one? Please consider joining us at GriefShare this August. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Our first session is August 4th from 6-8 pm. Contact Tammy Jenkins, Pastor Andrew or griefshare.org for more information.

Special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 10 - We are hosting a special Voters Meeting on Sunday, August 10 at 12:00 pm to provide an update on the Brighton Memorial Pavilion. Lunch will be provided before our meeting begins. Packets of information will be placed in the Narthex a few weekends in advance. Please consider participating in this meeting.
- Church Council

Food Bank Donations: Week of July 21: rice, pop tarts, instant oatmeal
Week of July 28: toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent

LCMS Youth Gathering Information: Our youth are currently attending this event and should be returning home on Thursday, July 24th, @ 5:00 pm.

Sunday School Staff Meeting: Sunday, July 27th, following late service in the Education Wing. This meeting is for all adults interested in helping with Children's Sunday School. We will be looking at the theme for the upcoming year, child safety, and our weekly schedule. Pastor Pete will have some refreshments to carry us all through the meeting. Please make every effort to attend this meeting!

Rally Day: We will begin another year of Christian Education with Rally Day on Sunday, August 3rd. Our 3rd grade children will receive a Bible, 6th graders will be walked across the lawn to the Youth Annex, and a new year of classes will begin for everyone!

TAG Fall Family Kick-Off: Sunday, August 3rd, 5:30-8:00. Join us for fellowship/games, dinner, and a time of sharing information. This event is for all families with young people going into grades 6-12 this school year. We look forward to seeing you there!

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Andrew Howe. **LITURGIST:** Pastor Andrew Howe. **ELDERS:** Eric Gossman (8 am) and Walt Seefeld (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew Fischer (8 am) and Annabelle Trasmer (10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Herschel Siebert (8 am) and Adam Beecher (10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Toli Van Buskirk & Carrie Wurdeman. **GREETERS:** Barbara Locke (Sun 8 am) and Roger & Gina Peterson (Sun (10:45 am)).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Don Barnes (Sun 8 am) and Dave Yingling (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Jude Van Buskirk (Sun 8 am) and Gunner Lockerman (Sun 10:45 am). **LAY READERS:** Bill Bohm (Sat 6 pm), Steve Soisson (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Ginger Martin, Linda O'Donnell & Kathy Robinson. **GREETERS:** Gary & Lexie Hadley (Sun 8 am) and Kevin & Paula Babcock (10:45 am).

Last Week's Attendance

Saturday – 45 Early – 66 Late – 116 Total – 228

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	ENDURE: 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering	
Monday	ENDURE: 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering	
Tuesday	ENDURE: 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering	
Wednesday	ENDURE: 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering	
	9:30 am	Stitch N Chat
	8:30-10 pm	College Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Return from LCMS Youth Gathering
	6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	3:00 pm	SLDT Planning Retreat thru Monday 1 pm